

to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike provisions providing funding for general operating expenses for the Department of Veterans Affairs (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 54).

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Agreed To:

The Istook amendment that requires private groups receiving Federal funds (other than State, local, and tribal governments) to disclose the amount and grantee identification number of each Federal grant received; and to make a "good faith" estimate of their organization's actual expenditures for lobbying activities for the most recent taxable year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 52); and

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The Crapo amendment that establishes a permanent "Deficit Reduction Lockbox Account" for the purpose of creating a series of lockboxes to capture savings from floor amendments that cut spending in order to reduce the Federal budget deficit (agreed to by a recorded vote of 329 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 53).

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Rejected:

The Lowey amendment that sought to delete provisions permitting States to decide whether to use Medicaid funds to pay for an abortion in the case of rape or incest (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 51).

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H. Res. 372, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 50).

Pages H1793–H1808

Agreed to the Dreier technical amendment (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 49).

Pages H1806–07

**White House Travel Office Investigation:** House agreed to H. Res. 369, to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter.

Pages H1959–64

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 11.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 8, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

Page H1965

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 13.

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**Solid Waste Land Disposal:** House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2036, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide need-

ed flexibility—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1965–66

**Presidential Message—National Security Strategy:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security.

Pages H1966–67

**Supplemental Report:** Agreed to a unanimous-consent request that the Committee on Agriculture be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2202, Immigration and the National Interest Act of 1995, to include a cost estimate as required under clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Obey wherein he resigns as a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

Subsequently, announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hinchey and Maloney to the Joint Economic Committee.

Pages H1981–82

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1777 and H1959.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1792, H1807, H1807–08, H1946–47, H1951, H1955–56, H1957–58, and H1958. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy and other programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Ronald Coleman, Assistant Secretary, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

**NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Defense Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the GAO and on the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

**FUTURE OF MONEY**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy continued hearings on the Future of Money, Part III. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CORPORATE WELFARE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Corporate Welfare. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**HEALTH CARE REFORM**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Health Care Reform: Reforming the Small Business Marketplace and the Individual Health Insurance Market. Testimony was heard from Brian Atchinson, Superintendent of Insurance, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

**SECURITIES AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1996**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3005, Securities Amendments of 1996.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on a proposed IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* ordered reported amended H.R. 2202, Immigration and National Interest Act of 1995.

The Committee also adopted Special Committee Rules to obtain deposition testimony on the White House Travel Office matter.

The Committee also approved a draft report entitled "National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War."

**ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM—  
NARCOTICS IN LATIN AMERICA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing to review the Administration's certification program for Narcotics producing and transit countries in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1995**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2128, Equal Opportunity Act of 1995.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1143, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation; H.R. 1144, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness tampering; H.R. 1144, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to jury tampering; H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995; H.R. 2137, Megan's Law; H.R. 2453, Fugitive Detention Act of 1995; H.R. 2587, War Crimes Act of 1995; H.R. 2607, Veterans' Memorials Protection Act of 1995; H.R. 2641, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 2650, Mandatory Federal Prison Drug Treatment Act of 1995; H.R. 2803, Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1995; H.R. 2804, to amend the auto theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to add air bag modules to the list of major auto parts protected under such provisions; H.R. 2974, Crimes Against Children and Elderly Persons Punishment and Prevention Act of 1995; H.R. 2980, Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996; and H.R. 2996, Law Enforcement and Industrial Security Cooperation Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Martinez, Chrysler, Fox, Zimmer, Frank of Massachusetts, Jones, Lowey, and Royce; Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

**MILITARY HOUSING**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Installation and Facilities held a hearing on alternative authorities for construction and improvement of military housing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing, Department of the Army; Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Housing, Department of the Navy; and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations, Department of the Air Force.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel began hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on Department of Defense TRICARE and alternatives for retiree health care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. James Peake, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; and Stephen Joseph M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Stephen P. Backus, Associate Director, Health Care Delivery and Quality Issues, GAO; Steve Tough, President and CEO, Foundation Health Federal Services Managed-Care Support Contractor for TRICARE; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 12.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Department of the Air Force, RAdm. John T. Hood, USN, Program Executive Officer, Theater Air Defense; and Brig. Gen. Richard A. Black, USA, Program Executive Officer, Missile Defense.

**MINERAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE ORGANIC ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1813, Mineral Management Service Organic Act. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Robert R. Jordan, State Geologist and Director, Geological Survey, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—DAM SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on dam safety and deferred maintenance issues at Bureau of Reclamation facilities. Testimony was heard from Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Fred Springer, Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Anthony K. Chargin, Deputy Associate Director, Energy, Manufacturing, Transportation Technologies, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories; the following officials of the State of California: Vernon Persson, Chief, Division of Safety of Dams, Department of Water Resources; and Steven Miklos, Vice Mayor, Folsom, California; and public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Conyers.

**EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2703, Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996. The rule provides for the Committee of the Whole to rise after general debate without further motion. No further consideration of the bill is provided for except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representative Hamilton.

**RESTRUCTURED FUSION ENERGY SCIENCES PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Department of Energy's Restructured Fusion Energy Sciences Program. Testimony was heard from Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy and Research, Department of Energy; L. John Perkins, Magnetic Fusion Energy Program, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

**REDUCING REGULATIONS AND PAPERWORK BURDENS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on EPA's Progress in Reducing Unnecessary Regulations and Paperwork Burdens Upon Small Business. Testimony

was heard from Fred Hansen, Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

### NLRB RULEMAKING

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork held a hearing on rulemaking at the NLRB. Testimony was heard from William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 2747, amended, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995; H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 15th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Committee approved the following: 14 pending water resources resolutions; and its Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on revenue diversion. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas G. Garaulis, Chief Counsel, FAA; and A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General; Benjamin DeCosta, General Manager, Aviation Department, Newark International Airport, New York/New Jersey Port Authority; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 13.

### OVERSIGHT—GI BILL

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing held an oversight hearing on the Montgomery GI Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Ebbesen, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy; and Al Bemis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Raymond H. Avent, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### CHINA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on China. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### U.S./SINO RELATIONS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine United States-Sino relations, focusing on the intellectual property rights agreement and related trade issues, after receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative; and Jason Berman, Recording Industry Association of America, Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, and Eric Smith, International Intellectual Property Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for the Department of State and related agencies, and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to review the status of the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration and related initiatives to improve VA health care delivery methods, 9 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the oversight of government-wide travel management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings on S. 553 and H.R. 849, bills to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.